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4th Annual Hands on, Hearts on Celebration

Thank you, Oaklands staff and students for being part of our **4th annual Hands on, Hearts, on totem celebration**. Many of our staff, parents and students helped carve our totem. Each year we reflect on the story of our totem - we listen with kind hearts and open ears to stories that help us understand where we come from and where we're going.

Our totem is a special reminder that we are all on a journey to make things right and help heal the past. It helps us remember to work together to make the world a better, fairer place for everyone. Our totem is more than wood and paint—it's a legacy. A legacy that was built by our school community with care, with stories, with hands and hearts. It's a reminder that when we work together—with respect, kindness, and curiosity, we can create something lasting - something powerful.

Each animal on the totem shares a lesson. Each handprint and heart shows the love and effort of someone who chose to care. Our **Hands on, Hearts on totem** reminds us that we're part of something bigger than ourselves. It reminds us to keep learning from Indigenous knowledge and to walk gently on this land, with respect for its people and history.

We left our students with a few questions:

- What does taking action with both your hands *and* heart mean?
- What stories do you want to leave behind for the students who will stand here after you?
- And most importantly—how will you help make this world more kind, more fair, and more connected?

Have a peaceful weekend.

Petra Eggert



Important Dates

Saturday, May 24

Kids Market Oaklands Community
12:00 - 3:00PM

Tuesday, May 27

Zone Track Meet
9:45 am - 1:45 PM

Thursday, May 29

Track City Finals
6:00 PM

Friday, May 30

5:30 PM

Oaklands Family Dance

Friday, June 6

Hot Lunch - Pizza

Tuesday, June 17

Parent Appreciation Morning
Join us for coffee and muffins
8:15-8:45 AM

Thursday, June 19

Fun Day

Saturday, June 21

National Indigenous People's Day

Tuesday, June 24

Grade 5 Recognition Ceremony
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Thursday, June 26

Last Day for Students

UVIC Zone Track Meet

Many grade 3,4 and 5 students have been practicing hard for our Zone track meet on Tuesday, May 27th. Students brought home the information sheet this week with details about the day. Students from Oaklands East will walk to and from UVic with supervisors. Students at Oaklands West will travel by BC Transit with Mrs. Liddell and Mrs. Smith. The track meet begins at 9:45am with the 800m races, then 100m sprints, and it finishes with all relay races. Grade 3s run first followed by grade 4s and grade 5s (girls, then boys at each level). Kids will return to school before the end of the day. Unfortunately, we are unable to say what time your child will race. If parents or family plan to pick up their child from the meet, please inform an Oaklands supervisor so we can account for all kids. We look forward to a fun and spirited day at the track!



Ms. Smith's Kindergarten/Grade One class made clam shell rattles this week. They filled the rattles with colourful gems, rocks and sand to make their own unique sound. They really enjoyed making music with them!



PAC News

2 great events at 1 location this Saturday, May 24th! Both the Kids Market and free seedling distribution are happening at the Community Centre. The kids market is from 12-3pm and the seedling distribution is from 1-3pm.

Come swing by and support our young entrepreneurs!

<https://www.victoria.ca/.../growing.../get-growing-victoria>

We are excited to remind you that our Oaklands Neon Nights Family Dance is coming up soon on **Friday, May 30th!** This will be held at the Oaklands West (Belmont Rd.) location.

To guarantee that you receive certain items, such as Empire Donuts or a Jumbo LED Glow Stick with your admission, please place your order through Hot Lunch by this Sunday, May 25th:

<https://oaklandspac.hotlunches.net/admin/>.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with setup, admission, and cleanup. Each volunteer will receive two free admissions. If you can help, please sign up here: volunteersignup.org/YH7B8

Song requests are welcome and can be sent to: oaklandsfamilydance@outlook.com

We hope to see you there!

The next Peer Support Group for Parents and Caregivers of Neurodivergent Kids is on June 4th at 7PM in the Oaklands West Library. Please contact Elyse if you have any questions or require on site childminding: e.mitchell.cleave@gmail.com

Freezie Friday is starting in June! If you are available to help distribute freezies after school from 2:30-3:15PM please sign up here: volunteersignup.org/9BRY9

With gratitude,

Your Oaklands PAC



Are you looking to connect with other caregivers about supporting neurodivergent kids?

Maybe you've been doing this for awhile and want to get to know others in the same boat. Maybe you're just getting started and feeling overwhelmed. Maybe you're questioning if neurodivergence is the answer to some of the questions about why you have been having challenges.

Peer Support for Parents and Caregivers of Neurodivergent Kids

Neurodivergence can mean autism, ADHD, anxiety, depression, movement and learning differences, and many other things. This group takes a neurodivergent-affirming lens, and we welcome all perspectives!

This group meets on the **first Wednesday of the month, 7 pm** at the **Oaklands library**. Upcoming meetings: June 4, October 1, November 5.

Childminding provided across the hall; please note that one-to-one care is not available for this session. If your child can't stay with the childminder, and can't stay home, please reach out to the organizer to discuss options.

Ask questions, get support, share knowledge.

Questions? Can't make that day but still want to connect?
Email e.mitchell.cleave@gmail.com

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